52, 53, 54; bill from skull 51, 52, 53(2); tarsus 28, 29, 32(2), and they weighed 66, 64, 72, 70 gm.

Although the Terek Sandpiper is well known in the Andaman Islands, the only record of its occurrence in the Nicobars is based on a sight record by Abdulali (1967, p. 161)[1] on Trinkut Island on 11 March.

These examples, therefore, serve as the first authentic collection of the species from the Nicobar group of Islands, thus extending its winter range further south.

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18. EGG LAYING OF THE MUGGER (*CROCODYLUS PALUSTRIS*) IN CAPTIVITY

The female of a pair of Mugger (*Crocodylus palustris*) at the Nandankanan Biological Park, Orissa laid 27 eggs on the morning of 11-vi-1974. The eggs were white, hard shelled and blunt at both ends. Eleven of these measured 6.7-8.2 cm × 3.7-4.3 cm and weighed from 69 to 80 gm. Unfortunately the mother crocodile was found dead and floating in the tank on 13-vi-74. On autopsy six more eggs were collected from the posterior part of the oviduct. These white, hard shelled eggs measured 6.8-7.2 cm × 3.9-4.2 cm and weighed from 71 to 81 gm. The crocodile measured 142 cm from snout to vent and 132 cm from vent to tip of the tail (Total length 274 cm). However all the eggs were found spoilt when examined after over 3 months of incubation in the sand hole. Probably all were infertile.

David (1970)[1] states that mating of this species takes place in December and January in the water and eggs are laid in March and April in Ahmedabad Zoo. He further states that one female has laid 28 eggs out of which 23 young hatched out on 6-vi-1969 in the same zoo.

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